



In Touch

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church

Brendan Wagner | Elder of Missions



As I write this, we are in the middle of a sizzling hot Summer. In fact, the forecast for this day is 117 degrees!

My heart aches for those individuals who do not have a home in which to live or a comfortable place to take shelter from the heat and the sun. My heart aches for those experiencing devastating

loss of life and property in the Texas and New Mexico floods. The anguish that must be felt by parents and families having their precious children and others taken away so suddenly weighs heavily.

These circumstances and many others we hear about and witness throughout the world can cause us to want to curl up and numb ourselves from the pain and helplessness we feel.

However, as believers and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we can, and we must stand tall and faithfully face these challenges with prayer and the grace given us by the

Holy Spirit.

The good news (no pun) is that we are not alone when faced with these challenges! Certainly, we can depend upon the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to bolster us and guide us as we reach out to those who are in need. We also have each other. Your Mission Committee is working hard to provide support to as many individuals and organizations as possible with the budget that your generous pledges, tithes and donations allow.

And now we are moving into a new season! Pastor Bob and Jeanette set a wonderful example of Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples. We as a congregation have proven time and again that we have the 'loving' part down, evidenced by our willingness to help so many in need.

Pastor Jim, as you will soon learn, is passionate about discipleship. I am looking forward to all of us using the skills Pastor Bob taught us and set to work, under Pastor Jim's guidance, to take care of those in our community who have spiritual needs...to spread the Good News of Jesus and make disciples.

Prayerfully,

Brendan Wagner, Elder of Missions

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CODE: RED
SUMMER HEAT RELIEF

**Donations continue
thru August!**



**FOUNTAIN HILLS
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The Heart of Fountain Hills for 50 Years

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Focus on Finance | 2025

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| June Income | \$ 25,533 | Budget | \$ 38,417 |
| June Expenses | \$ 33,072 | Budget | \$ 39,406 |
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| YTD Income | \$ 227,360 | YTD Budget | \$ 192,085 |
| YTD Expense | \$ 201,929 | YTD Budget | \$ 198,526 |

Finance Report | Linda Lull, Treasurer

Although June expenses exceeded June income, we are still in a positive financial position through the first six months. Summertime giving tends to slow down every year, but we manage to catch up in the fall. Thank you for keeping up with your pledges and contributions toward the ministry and missions of our church. You can still consider using Required Minimum Distributions to offset taxable income. Check with your Financial Advisor or Tax Accountant.

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FHPC offers church members and supporters a convenient way to express their generosity online through our eGiving portal. To get started, sign up today at www.fhpresbyterian.info. Look for the Giving Box image at the top right or click "Giving" in the top menu.

You can also use the Vanco Mobile app to give directly from your phone. For instructions, please refer to the eGiving Help section.

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**Love God – Love People – Make Disciples**

From the Pastor's Pen | Pastor Jim Rizer



“THE VALUES THAT SHAPE US”

In 1 Samuel 7, Samuel sets up a stone as a tangible reminder of God's faithful provision and deliverance (specifically in this case from the Philistines). Samuel names the stone Ebenezer, which means “stone of help”. This name clearly points not to the rock since it wasn't involved in any significant way, but rather points to the Lord, “my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.” (2 Sam 22:2, Ps. 18:2). The purpose was that anytime one passed by the Ebenezer stone they would recall Samuel's words; “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”

This recollection calls us to look back and remember God's faithfulness in the past. Individually and collectively when we survey life through the rearview mirror we can't help but see evidence of God's goodness, provision, and grace. FHPC has a rich 51-year history made up of a combination of mountain top and valley experiences, yet through it all the Lord has been a faithful help thus far.

Considering this it is good to pause and give thanks for the provision and grace that has shaped us individually and as FHPC. I invite you to name the blessings and the breakthroughs. In our increasingly urgent world, it is good to be still and enumerate these blessings. I want to praise God for the faithful leadership of Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons as he has guided FHPC through this most recent season of transition.

This recollection also emboldens us to walk forward in faithful confidence into the next chapter of life. Unlike the investment disclaimer, God's faithful provision and goodness are a predictor of His future provision and goodness. Filled with a wider view of God's provision and grace, may we walk confidently into the future together, praying for and striving for the “abundantly far more” (Eph. 3:20) that God has in store for us.

In this time of transition let us look back with gratitude and walk forward in faithfulness to the next chapter in the proud history of FHPC.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Rizer



Clerk's Corner | Jack Reynolds



As you all know, Pastor Bob will be giving his farewell sermon on Sunday, the 27th of July. Speaking for the entire congregation, I want to thank him and Jeanette for their shepherding and dedicated service to FHPC as transitional pastor and deacon. In my opinion, Bob's pastoral talents matched those of Moses who Bob described as "perfect" in a recent sermon. If Moses were a contemporary, I wouldn't be surprised if he lauded Bob's abilities in a similar manner.

We looked forward to Bob's preaching at worship on Sundays. He obviously spent a lot of time preparing such inspiring messages that continued to resonate with many of us throughout the week. His sermons challenged us to get more biblically focused.

Many of us have also benefited both spiritually and educationally by attending the courses offered at the Center for Biblical Studies on Wednesdays led by Pastor Bob. He introduced us to the books of biblical scholars and theologians we probably would not have studied without his leadership. We were also privileged to get the BS interpretation of their works.

Aside from his cerebral offerings to us, he showed his caring support by not hesitating to visit those of us homebound or hospitalized. He preached and served communion at Morning Star on a regular basis. He would make himself available to the other Ministerial Association pastors in their time of need. He and Jeanette were in the front row for pretty much the whole day helping Will Graham during the Look Up Celebration.

So thank you Pastor Bob and Jeanette. We wish you Godspeed on your upcoming road travels. You will be missed for the required year of absence but will remain in our prayers until we see you once again as a worshiper at FHPC. Blessings to you both.

-Jack Reynolds, Clerk of Session



FHPC to Welcome NEW Pastor | Jackie Miles



The congregation at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church will honor Rev. Dr. Bob Simmons and his wife Jeanette at a catered reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 27, following their worship service, in honor of his role as transitional pastor for the past three years.

The FHPC congregation recently voted approval of their new pastor, Rev. Jim Rizer and his wife Melissa, when presented by the Pastoral Nominating committee. An experienced pastor, Rev. Rizer will start preaching in Fountain Hills on August 3.

After growing up in the greater Phoenix area, Rev. Rizer moved to Atlanta where he finished high school. It was during this time that Jim first understood God's saving grace through Christ at a Young Life weekend at Windy Gap, NC.

Rizer graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, with a BA in Economics. After a couple of his friends suggested that he would be a good minister, he returned to the Phoenix area and joined Northminster Presbyterian Church where that pastor served as his guide and mentor.

During this time he met Melissa, who relocated to the valley after graduating from the University of Michigan. They were married at Northminster Presbyterian on July 6, 1991. Two months later they moved to Princeton, NJ where Jim entered seminary. In the spring of 1994, Jim graduated with his Masters in Divinity from Princeton Seminary, and Melissa received her Masters in Library Science from Rutgers .

Rizer has served as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, IA and then at Mountain View Presbyterian in Scottsdale. In 2002 he became Senior Pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian in Michigan.

Rizer views his role as an undershepherd of the the Good Shepherd, called to "feed the sheep" through preaching, teaching, and sharing the full counsel of God. He wants others to taste and see the goodness of the Lord and experience the abundant life of discipleship.

Jim and Melissa have three children, 27-year-old Spencer, AJ who is 25, and Vivian, 19. They enjoy walking their dog Sabrina and taking hikes. Melissa is an avid reader and Jim is a dedicated runner, enjoys crossword puzzles, and dabbles in home projects.



Men's Bible Study

Don Carillo

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

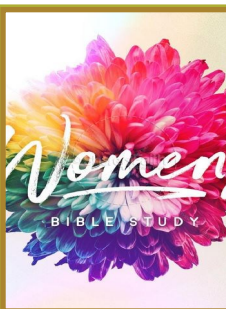


—POSTPONED to September— Men's Bible Study Group continues weekly every **Monday at 8:30am** in the Fireside Room. We hope to learn and gain a greater understanding of the New Testament and apply it to our daily lives.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Carillo at 480-694-3025 or carillofamily8@gmail.com. We would like to see our small but steady group grow and all are welcome to attend! Thanks, Don

Women's Bible Study

Jeanette Simmons & Janet Scaggs

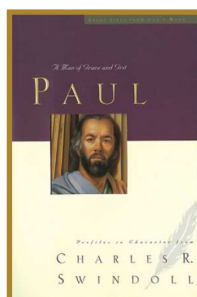


Dig Into The Word! It is so important to get involved in a ladies bible study; to study God's Word, to connect with other women, and to enjoy fellowship and sharing. We offer several Women's Bible Studies—Morning, Afternoon, and Evening. The evening Women's Bible study will begin a brand new study of the Women of the Old Testament. Each study is a stand-alone study so if you miss one you will not be lost. **We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. ON HIATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

For more information or any questions, please contact Janet Scaggs (937) 510-4571.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Monique Reynolds



Thursday | October 9 | 9:30 AM
Fireside Room

The Women's Morning Bible Study will return on October 9 this fall. We will review the first 16 chapters of our book *Paul, a Man of Grace and Wit* by Charles Swindoll and discuss chapters 17 and 18. For information call Monique 336-382-8733. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Women's Fellowship

M. Holtan & S. Titus



—POSTPONED—

Women's Fellowship is on hold until September 2025. For any questions, you may contact Susan at SLTitus@gmail.com.

Ladies' Drop-In

L. Katz & M. Berry



Every Tuesday | 10 a.m.
Fireside Room

Will resume on Tues, September 2
All ladies are invited to *drop-in* for fellowship, games, puzzles, and conversation.

Lunch & Lecture

Maria Berry



—POSTPONED—

Lunch & Lecture is on hold until September 2025.

For any questions, you may contact Maria Berry 602-799-9982

Men's Fellowship Bill Matty



Gentlemen: As you may know Men's Fellowship will not meet this summer, but our **next meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 20** (yes it's the

third Saturday), so our winter visitors can make their plans. Also, we have scheduled our all church picnic for Saturday, Oct. 25 at Golden Eagle Park behind the high school, and we will plan for the picnic at our Sept. 13 meeting. Have a good and safe summer guys, and blessings to all.

Bill Matty | 815-282-6024
bmatty67@gmail.com

Out n' About Joyce Leo & Bonnie Matty



Out and About will be having their August luncheon at **noon** on **Wednesday, August 20**. We will be gathering at the **We-Ko-Pa Grille at Eagle Mountain Golf Course** at **18200 E. We-Ko-Pa Way**.

Joyce Leo | 803-522-2889 or
Bonnie Matty | 815-260-5031 to RSVP.

2025 Pie & The Sky on the 4th of July

Thank You for Celebrating Independence Day with Us!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our **3rd annual Independence Day Celebration** in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, July 4th**. It was a joy to gather with friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy delicious pie, refreshing drinks, spirited patriotic singing, and of course, a

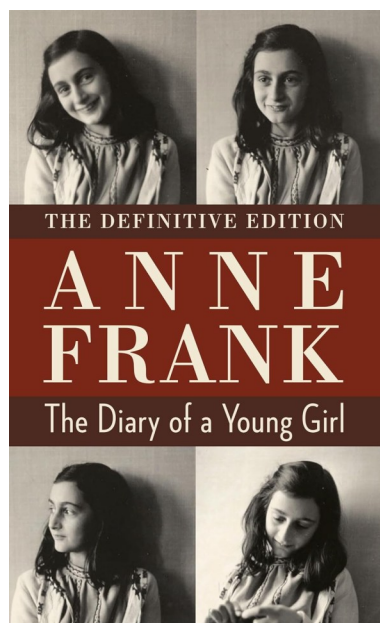


spectacular view of the **Fountain Park fireworks** from the comfort of our air-conditioned hall.

Your presence made the evening extra special, and we're grateful for the warmth, fellowship, and joyful spirit that filled the room. Events like this remind us how blessed we are to be part of such a vibrant, connected church family. We look forward to celebrating again next year! **God bless you—and God bless America!**

-FHPC Fellowship Team

Library Footnotes | Althea Halchuck



Thirteen-year-old Anne Frank, her parents, older sister, and four other people watched Hitler's rise to power in Europe and his persecution of fellow Jews. Rather than wait for the Germans to deport or force them into work camps like their neighbors and friends, they prepared for the worst, and in July 1942, they went into hiding. Although German, they lived in Amsterdam, where Anne's father and his partner owned a spice packing warehouse. They prepared a living area in the "secret annex" behind the factory for their eventual hideaway. While in hiding, Anne kept a diary, providing a firsthand account of life under Nazi occupation. The diary, a gift for her 13th birthday, offers vivid observations and a unique and intimate perspective on the daily struggles, fears, and hopes of those in hiding. Cut off from the outside world, except for a radio and helpful friends, they endured hunger, boredom, the strain of close quarters, and the constant fear of discovery and death. They listened to the BBC and followed the war's progress; always hopeful it would end soon. Anne describes the radio as a "courage-keeping source." At times thoughtful, poignant, and even amusing, her writing offers a remarkable window into the strength and vulnerability of the persecuted Jews. Her work has significantly impacted how people perceive the Holocaust and is a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. The irony is that Anne wanted to become an author, and it is one of the most widely read books in the world. Anne's final entry is dated August 1, 1944. Three days later, the Gestapo discovered the secret annex, arrested Anne and her companions, and shipped them to concentration camps. Otto Frank, Anne's father, was the only survivor. He recovered Anne's diary pages from his factory friends and published them in 1947 as "*The Diary of a Young Girl*." We know it as "*The Diary of Anne Frank*," a required reading for most middle school students.

The rise of antisemitism and the murder of a young Jewish

couple in May 2025 prompted me to display library books that dealt with Nazism, the Holocaust, and the brave people who worked in the Resistance to defeat the Germans. Our church library has a wide selection of such books, but one book was missing: Anne Frank's Diary. I purchased *The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition* to add to our collection. There are three versions of the diary, and this edition captures all three, including pages Otto left out because he did not think them "appropriate" to publish due to Anne writing about her budding sexuality. This version is must-read!

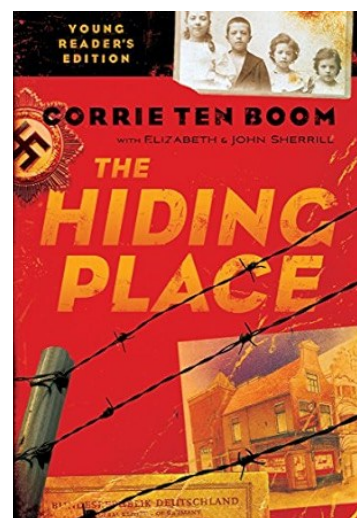
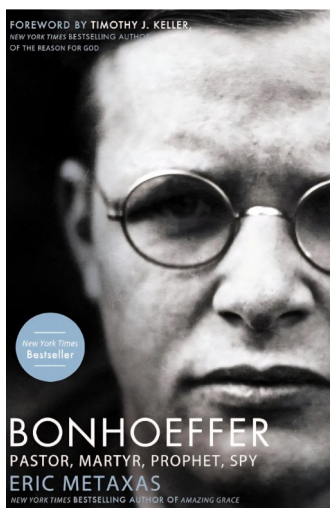
Other books that should not be missed include both historical and non-fiction. They tell gripping stories of evil in the world and how some people survived to tell their tales of heroism and resistance. *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr,*

Prophet, Spy is one such book. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor and staunch anti-Nazi dissident. Like the Apostle Peter, he wrote from prison and was hanged in April 1945 during the collapse of the Nazi regime.

Corrie ten Boom became a heroine of the Dutch Resistance and a survivor of Hitler's concentration

camps. *The Hiding Place* is the story of her family hiding, feeding, and transporting some 800 Jews hunted by the Gestapo out of the country. Those who claim the Holocaust never existed would be advised to read any one of these great books.

Althea Halchuck
July 14, 2025



Support Our Troops | Donna Sims



How time goes fast when I was able to schedule another pick-up again from Community Bridges (CBI) just two days ago. They were overjoyed with being able to stuff both of their vans to the fullest with all the donations that had come in from the Church and a couple of community members. Just imagine “all

those donations” that will be put to good use to help our veterans and homeless veterans locally and throughout the entire area with everything from pants, dresses, socks, belts, a rack, a walker, bedding, and box loads of shoes and, even several cowboy hats. Those picking up the items were more than overjoyed at the complete variety of items.

With the warm weather upon us, I am requesting donations of warm weather wear of t-shirts, socks, shoes, cargo pants, bedding, hats and the one thing we continue to be short of is toiletries. It has been quite some time since we have been able to make a donation of much needed toiletries, so please keep that in mind. I am always happy when I can make a



call for a pick-up because I know how important it is to our veterans to receive these items.

Please remember that our Veterans and Troops Ministry is year-round and it never stops. We are always happy to see Church members and friends from our community placing items in our collection box, located in the Narthex on the East side, in the basket out front as you enter the Church and in the Church office. Thanks again to all of you who bring in donations to help make our military ministry a fabulous success.

Donna Sims,
Mission Committee

Landscape of Grace | George Holtan



Thank you to Jeanette Simmons, Jack Morris, Arlene Stewart, and Kathy and Larry Cole for filling in and watering the plants in the beautiful new planters by the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall while we were in Minnesota and Wisconsin. It was much much appreciated and they looked great when we got back. It Takes a Village!



Mission Messages | Mary Holtan

***“Showing God's Love
By Giving and Doing”***

**Mission Committee Sponsored
Activities in July:**



Code Red:

The Code Red water drive at FHPC will continue until the end of August. This is an extremely important mission with the heat in Arizona. FHPC will once again serve as the town-wide donation center for the Code Red Summer Heat Relief. The Mission Committee will collect 24-pack bottled water or you can contribute money to buy water. Donate online or write checks to FHPC. If you give a check, write “Code Red” on the memo. Drop your check or cash in the offering box or bring it to the church office. ***Give generously!***

Community House Meal:

A group from the Mission Team under the leadership of Christine Colley will provide a meal to the unhoused at Community House in Scottsdale on **August 4th**. The meal will consist of sloppy joes, chips, cookies and other items. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 toward the meal, with the money not used for food donated to Community House. A big thank you to Christine and friends for taking on this project. More information about this wonderful mission will be upcoming.

Devereux:

Jane Allen requested support for Devereux House for arts supplies and athletic equipment. The Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 to Devereux House.

Texas Floods:

The Mission Committee voted to donate \$5000 to **Samaritan's Purse** for the needy victims of the floods in Texas. Brendan will check with Samaritan's Purse to see what other areas of the United States are in need due to disasters.

Please pray for the people who have experienced heartfelt disasters.

Reverend Howard – Africa:



The Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 to support Reverend Howard as he and his community continue to face challenges brought about by storms in the region in Africa. ***Please pray for Reverend Howard, his family, congregation, and neighbors.***

Music Ministry | Debbie Fisher



Welcome to August!

Welcome, Pastor Jim and Melissa.

Thank you for coming! I hope all goes well in your resettlement.

We are still in a church summer mode, hearing

different combinations of musical styles that transfer our hearts and souls to thought and praise of God. Music is such an amazing form of emotive communication.

With it, we can utilize lyrics and Scripture, and oftentimes we experience God's reverence with no lyrics, just musical style, which can put us in a holding pattern, listening, contemplating, praying. So mysterious.

I am glad our Sanctuary holds the musical interpretations so fully and completely, from the lightest touch to the most powerful of statements. It's a lovely Sanctuary, preserving the fruits of the Spirit which we study time and again.

No matter how many people are in the Sanctuary for worship, it feels like church, a wonderful, wonderful church, where God is worshipped, Jesus is praised, and the Spirit connects us all. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

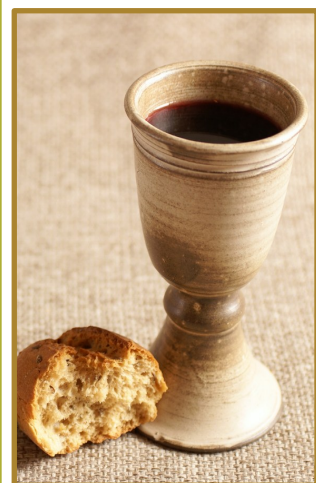
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22

Blessings,
Debbie Fisher
Director of Music Ministries
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church ECO



Extended Communion



Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church is offering **Extended Communion** at the homes of interested congregants following the regular Communion service on the first Sunday of each month.

If you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion at home, simply call the church office at (480) 837-1763 and ask to be added to the Extended Communion list.

Please call no later than the Monday prior to the first Sunday of the month.

A Deacon will call you a couple of days prior to the service to confirm that you still want to receive Communion on that Sunday, and an Elder, Deacon, or both will visit you following the regular 9 a.m. service to serve Communion.

—The FHPC Board of Deacons

Sharing Our Gifts



At FHPC, we are continually inspired by the ways our congregation shares their God-given gifts—our talents, time, and treasure—to advance God’s work and spread His love. As 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” Every act of generosity, no matter the size, enriches our church community and demonstrates our shared commitment to making a meaningful difference.

We want to hear your stories about how you or others are sharing these gifts. Whether it’s through volunteering, supporting church initiatives, or making an impact in the community, your experiences can inspire and uplift others. Please email your stories to office@fhpresby.org to be featured in our upcoming In Touch newsletter.

Celebrate with Flowers: Honor, Memorialize, and Cherish
Honor your loved ones or celebrate special occasions by dedicating flowers in the Sanctuary. Each week, beautiful arrangements are created and available for a fee of \$35, which can be taken home after Sunday Worship.

When you dedicate flowers to honor or memorialize someone, or to celebrate a significant event, your dedication will be announced during the Welcome portion of the service and included in The Weekly. To order flowers, simply sign up in the book located in the narthex or call the church office.

The \$35 fee covers the cost of flowers, which are thoughtfully purchased and arranged by our dedicated volunteers—no commercial florist could provide such generous support. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service, allowing you to cherish these special moments.



August Birthdays

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| 1 | Diane Runfola | 27 | Karl Haviland |
| 8 | Ken Brown | 27 | Richard Uphoff |
| 9 | Letha Neely | 29 | Ty Knoy |
| 11 | Donald Carillo | 30 | Margie Brown |
| 15 | Byron Hodgson | 31 | Joyce Reeg |
| 18 | Mary Ann Nickel | | |
| 22 | Jo-Ann Spalding | | |
| 26 | Maria Berry | | |
| 26 | Kent Martinson | | |

2025 Necrology

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Gerry Carroll

Evelyn Hranek

Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation



Are You Looking for a Way to Do Good?

The FHPC Foundation solicits, invests and subsequently disburses planned gifts from members and friends to ensure the future needs of the church and its ministries.

FHPC Foundation NEEDS your pledges, bequests, cash or check donations, endorsed stocks and bonds, IRA transfers, Qualified Minimum Distributions, real estate proceeds, trust fund designation, and why not tithe your insurance policy or estate???

Whatever you can give will be gratefully accepted. We can help you with the pledge form – call today!

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Bill Matty

Roy Nickel
Susan Titus

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Biblical Garden



Visit our Biblical Garden, located at the very heart of our campus. Before embarking on your tour, explore the fascinating variety of plants featured in the Garden.

Learn about their significance and historical context online at www.fhpresbyterian.info/biblical-garden or pick up a brochure in the office for more information.

Columbarium



The Columbarium provides a final resting place for the mortal remains of members and friends. Along with the urn niches, there is a Wall of Remembrance, a waterfall and memorial benches, providing a lovely place for prayer and meditation. It is managed by the Columbarium Trustees, a committee of our church corporation. A trust fund insures proper maintenance and perpetual care of the area.

U.S. Military Medallions are available for Veterans' columbarium niches. Please contact the church office for more information.



Just for Fun (and Faith!)

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 13-14
Monday: 2 Kings 22-25
Tuesday: Obadiah
Wednesday: Jeremiah 1-2
Thursday: Jeremiah 3-5
Friday: Jeremiah 6-8
Saturday: Psalms 82-84

WHAT NUMBERS?

What numbers should replace the question marks?

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WHAT BIBLE BOOK?

In what book of the Bible would you find the following popular Bible stories?

- Jonah and the fish
- Daniel in the lion’s den
- The visit of the magi
- The prodigal son
- Noah and the flood
- David and Goliath
- Manna in the wilderness
- Joseph’s multi-colored coat
- The annunciation
- The wedding at Cana

WORD SEARCH: ROMANS 8

This is one of the great chapters of Scripture. In it we find such themes as what it means to walk in the Spirit and how we cannot be separated from the love of God. Find the words taken from this chapter in the word search below.

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| Abba | elect | Jesus | adoption | family |
| justifies | angels | firstborn | Lord | bondage |
| flesh | love | called | freedom | Spirit |
| Christ | fruits | powers | condemnation | heart |
| glorified | peace | creation | conquerors | |
| good | purpose | hardship | decay | |
| died | intercedes | redemption | predestined | |

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| ANSWER to What Numbers? | Answers to What Bible Book? |
| 0 and 5. | 1. Jonah |
| Subtract the lower line from the one immediately above it and put the answer directly below. | 2. Daniel |
| | 3. Matthew |
| | 4. Luke |
| | 5. Genesis |
| | 6. 1 Samuel |
| | 7. Exodus |
| | 8. Genesis |
| | 9. Luke |
| | 10. John |

Heavenly Brain Break

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: James 1-2

Monday: Jeremiah 9-12

Tuesday: Jeremiah 13-16

Wednesday: Jeremiah 17-20

Thursday: Jeremiah 21-23

Friday: Jeremiah 24-26

Saturday: Psalms 85-87

VERSE TO REMEMBER

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. —James 1:5

Things in Common

What is one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

A: a cow, a shoe, a baby

B: a doctor's office, a post office, music

C: a zipper, a shark, a comb

D: restaurant goer, a bird, the Senate

E: a potato, a hurricane, a target

F: a river, a person, a cave

Answers: Things in Common — A. a tongue, B. a scale (or a key), C. teeth, D. a bill, E. an eye, F. a mouth.
Yea or Nay? — Yes. The day before the day after the day before today was yesterday. The day after the day before today is today. And the day before today was yesterday. That is why yesterday was hotter than today.

Riddle 1 — An ear of corn or a chicken.

Riddle 2 — By going from one spot to another.

THE SAME AS — 1. Pressure; 2. Effectiveness; 3. Lively; 4. Disaster; 5. Humanistic; 6. Expedite; 7. Undefinable; 8. Agreement; 9. Obedient; 10. Insistent.

Yea or Nay?

Read the following question and then answer with either a "yes" or a "no."

If the day before the day after the day before today was hotter than the day after the day before today, was the day before today hotter than today?

THE SAME AS ... Can you identify the word that has a similar meaning (synonym)?

1. COERCE: reduce, mislead, improve, pressure.
2. EFFICACY: effectiveness, effortlessly, emergency, morality.
3. EBULLIENT: daring, violent, lively, ready.
4. CATAclysm: wonder, disaster, miracle, session.
5. ALTRUISTIC: greedy, humanistic, selfish, inconsiderate.
6. FACILITATE: worsen, hurt, block, expedite.
7. ENIGMA: undefinable, appease, clarify, enlighten
8. CONSENSUS: agreement, denial, refusal, opposition.
9. DOCILE: observant, obedient, headstrong, resistant.
10. EMPHATIC: weak, insistent, remorseful, trite.

RIDDLE 1

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

RIDDLE 2

What is the only way a leopard will change his spots?



Help Save Lives This Summer: Join the Code Red Heat Relief Drive

As summer continues, our unhoused neighbors remain at extreme risk from the relentless Arizona heat. This year, **Phoenix Rescue Mission** is aiming to distribute **1 million bottles of water** through their **Code Red: Heat Relief Drive**—and you can still help.



Thanks to community support, heat-related deaths **declined in 2024 for the first time on record**. Let's keep that momentum going through the final stretch of summer.

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Donate here:

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Or make checks payable to **FHPC**, with "Code Red" in the memo.

The water drive runs through **the end of August**, so there's still time to make a difference. **Let's set a record this year**. Spread the word. **Give generously. Pray continually.**

Blessings,
Brendan Wagner
FHPC Elder of Missions

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